

25 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM : [REDACTED] Room 1 D 1617, Ext. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Vietnam Orientation No. 18
24 - 28 July 1967

1. Basic Data

The 18th running of the Vietnam Orientation was attended by [REDACTED] persons; an additional 6 had been enrolled, but because they had already attended either or both the CORDS program and the South Vietnam Operations Course they were permitted to pick and choose the lectures they wished to hear; and since they attended less than half the Orientation I have not given them any credit. Incidentally, 1 person, [REDACTED] had also attended the SVNOC, but he was a constantly eager listener and participant in this Orientation.

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2. Course Changes

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Once again [REDACTED] did not show up for what had been scheduled as a "graduation day" address: "A Summation: Where We Are and Where We're Going." In my June report, on V.O. No. 16, I commented that Mr. [REDACTED] has been disappointing us so often that "I'm seriously considering dropping him from my roster. This might be a favor to him" It will certainly be a relief to me, and I hereby so drop him.

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Another change, because of illness, and also a disappointment, was the absence of Mr. [REDACTED] former Deputy Chief of Vietnam Station, who was to speak on conditions and procedures in the Station. Many students, in their critiques or orally to me, regretted his absence. Nor was it possible at the last minute to find anyone who could replace him, even inadequately.

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Finally, [REDACTED] always easy to listen to, replaced Dr. [REDACTED] who, however, came along to hear his boss.

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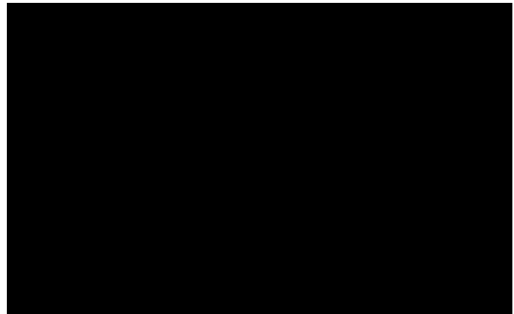
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3. Item of Interest

The 3 non-Agency speakers--Mr. Holbrook from the White House, Mr. Marsh from State, and Col. Moore from Defense--were so effective that many persons observed that non-Agency speakers were better than our own people. This was an ironic twist to good fortune. In a discussion period at the end of the Orientation I pointed out that I had more control over the selection of outside speakers than I did over insiders, that the outsiders were chosen from 3 different agencies, whereas the Agency speakers are largely selected from a very small element which doesn't profess to be a speakers' bureau, and that after all the outsiders were only ³/₄ of a total of 23 speakers on the program and hence perhaps there was not adequate ground for comparison.

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